Attention was paid to the development of lac cultivation. The Chief Conservator of Forests has since submitted a scheme to develop lac cultivation and to make the State self-sufficient in regard to requirements of crude lac within the next five years. The scheme has recently been sanctioned by Government.

14. *Fuel Supplies.*—As in previous years, the Department rendered valuable assistance in arranging supplies of fuel and charcoal at prescribed rates to the civilian population. These supplies by the Forest Department enabled the Food Supply Department to exercise control over prices in respect of supplies obtained from other sources.

The Department collected and supplied 121,831 tons of fuel and 663,358 bags of charcoal (equivalent to 111,395 tons of fuel), making a total of 233,226 tons; of this, 175,052 tons were supplied to the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, (20,125 tons in excess of the supply made last year) and 13,539 tons to the Sandal Oil Factory and other industrial concerns located at Mysore and Shimoga. Sixteen thousand eight hundred and seventy-one tons of fuel were supplied to the Civil Supply authorities at Bangalore, which was in addition to the quantities obtained by them from lessees of forest coupes.

The policy of encouraging the industrial concerns to take up exploitation of fuel coupes themselves has now been adopted. Coupes are laid out in forests in accordance with the working plans and handed over to the concerns for extraction of fuel, the Department being entitled to cover the value at seigniorage rates. This arrangement is a departure from the previous practice of disposing of annual coupes in auctions and has led to an increase in the area handed over for exploitation by private agency.

15. *Financial.*—The Department had another prosperous year. The Revenue, excluding realisations by sale of sandalwood oil, reached the high level of Rs. 47·36 lakhs and exceeded that in the previous year by Rs. 3·94 lakhs. The expenditure for the year amounted to Rs. 22·63 lakhs, showing a decrease of Rs. 1·36 lakhs over that of the previous year. The net surplus was Rs. 24·73 lakhs as against Rs. 19·42 lakhs in 1944-45.

16. *Game and Game Laws.*—Including the two cases of last year, the number of cases dealt with during the year was 16, of which 9 were disposed of during the year.

The control of the Forest Department over fishing in certain areas specified in G. O. No. A. F. 3616-20—Agri. 78-42-8, dated 9th February 1945, came to an end, and the Superintendent, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Services, was empowered, under Rule 8 of the Rules framed for the Preservation of Game and Fish, to take control over any waters in the State (not being reserved waters) for purposes of development of fisheries.

No new Game or Tiger Preserves were formed during the year.

17. *Elephants.*—The total strength of the elephants at the end of the year stood at 46, including the two elephants still under training in the Palace Gajasala as against 55 in the previous year. The general condition of the elephants was satisfactory and they were, as usual, employed for timber dragging and shikar purposes. As in the previous year, wild elephants caused considerable damage to field crops and necessary staff was employed in 15 centres in Mysore and Hassan Districts for scaring and driving back the elephants deep into the forests. Altogether 12 elephants were destroyed in these operations.

The Forest Rangers' School is being continued for the training of a fresh batch of recruits.

The question of improving the scales of pay of the executive staff of the Department is under the active consideration of Government.

The work of the Department continued to be satisfactory.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

Reconstitutes the Labour Welfare Board with one Chairman and Nineteen Members and the Headquarters Assistant to the Commissioner of Labour as Secretary of the Board for a term of Three Years.

READ—

Government Order No. D. 5921-51—I. & C. 272-42-6, dated 13th March 1943, reconstituting the Labour Welfare Board for a period of three years.

2. Government Order No. S. R. 1866-76—L. W. 21-44-3, dated 7th September 1944, announcing the personnel of the Board.

3. Government Order No. S R. 1981-91—L. W. 47-45-2, dated 22nd November 1945, appointing three Ladies as additional Members of the Board.

4. Letter No. 1607—46 47, dated 22nd/25th November 1946, from the Commissioner of Labour suggesting a reconstitution of the Labour Welfare Board for a further period of three years.

ORDER No. S. R. 3193-3218—L. W. 116-46-3, DATED BANGALORE, THE 27TH FEBRUARY 1947.

Government are pleased to direct that the Labour Welfare Board be reconstituted as follows for a term of three years :—

Chairman.

The Commissioner of Labour in Mysore, Bangalore.

Members.

1. The Director of Engineering and Chemical Industries in Mysore, Bangalore.
2. The Director of Sandalwood Oil Factories in Mysore, Bangalore.
3. The General Manager, Mysore State Railway, Mysore.
4. Mr. A. Nisbett, Managing Director, Bangalore Woollen, Cotton and Silk Mills, Ltd., Bangalore.
5. Mr S. R. Tombat, General Manager, Mysore Spinning and Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Bangalore.
6. Mr. A. Sitaram, Managing Director, Steel Construction Co., Ltd., Basavangudi, Bangalore.
7. Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia, Mysore Chamber of Commerce, Bangalore.
8. Mr. F. C. Devaraj Urs, Member, Representative Assembly, Mysore.
9. Mr. M. A. Khaliq, Member, Representative Assembly, Victory Mansions, Chikmagalur.
10. Mr. M. L. Srikantaiya, B.A., B.L., Advocate and Editor, "Mathrubhumi", Bangalore.
11. Mr. O. V. Rajagopal, Contractor, Kolar Gold Fields
12. The President, Nandidroog Mines Labour Association Kolar Gold Fields.
13. The President, Binny Mills Labour Association, Bangalore.
14. The President, Sri Krishnarajendra Mills Labour Association, Mysore.
15. The President, Mysore Paper Mills Labour Association, Bhadravati.
16. Representative of Messrs. John Taylor & Sons' Committee, Kolar Gold Fields, Oorgaum, to be nominated by them (Since nominated Mr. C. B. Taylor).
17. Mrs. Rathnamma Issac, L.M.S., Member, Legislative Council, Bangalore.
18. Mrs. Lakshmi P. Krishnappa, B.A., B.T., Bangalore.
19. Sri Rukminiamma, Member, Representative Assembly Chickballapur.

Secretary.

The Headquarters Assistant to the Commissioner of Labour in Mysore, Bangalore.

MOHAMED ISMAIL SHERIFF, *Genl. Secy.*

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT

Records the Annual Report for 1945-46 of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. B. 290, dated the 9th January 1947, from the Secretary to the Board of Management, Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravati, submitting the report on the working of the Mysore Iron and Steel Works during the year 1945-46, with an extract of the resolution of the Board appreciating the services of Mr. P. R. Balakrishnan General Manager.

ORDER No. D. 5406-8—I. W. 6-46-9, DATED BANGALORE, THE 1ST MARCH 1947.

Recorded.

C. E. NORONHA, *Dev. Secy.*